

KENTISBEARE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on April 12th 2022 in Kentisbeare Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: N Allan (Chair), Mrs Q Broom, E Southerden, N Woofenden, R Shore-Quinain, Mrs E Ellicott and the Clerk.

46/04/22. Public Question Time: None.

47/04/22. Apologies: Cllrs. Mrs F Ryan, N Sanders, M Disney, J Penfold and DCC Councillor J Berry.

48/04/22. Declarations of Interest: Cllr. N Allan (DPI as personal payment) ref cheque number 1937 & R Shore-Quinain (DPI as spouse) payment to the Clerk (chq 1934).

49/04/22. The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 08/03/22 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

50/04/22. Matters Arising: None.

51/04/22. Planning:

a) Applications considered:

22/00606/LBC Variation of condition 5 of Listed Building Consent 21/00950/LBC to alter design of new staircase. Ford Farm, Fore Street, Kentisbeare. EX15 2AF. No objections.

b) Results of applications from Mid Devon District Council.

-22/00028/HOUSE & 22/00029/LBC Listed Building Consent and permission for erection of timber gates and decking; addition of timber cladding to garage; installation of 2 roof lights, internal alterations to ground floor layout and alterations to the North and West elevations. 7 Silver Street, Kentisbeare. EX15 2BH. Approved.

-22/00053/HOUSE Erection of 2 bay garage and garden store. Western Cottage, Blackborough. EX15 2HQ. Approved.

-22/00400/FULL Erection of farm workshop. Land and Buildings at NGR 308002 107381 (West Of Orway Porch Farm Buildings), Kentisbeare. Approved.

c) Notification of appeal regarding 19/01679/MFUL (construction of ground-mounted solar PV panels to generate up to 49.9MW (Site Area 60.78ha) and battery storage facility together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure, Land at NGR 303437 103555 East of Langford Mill & Tye Farm Langford).

d) Culm Garden Village. (i) A few councillors will attend the Stakeholder Meeting on 27/04/22. (ii) Any other matters – the Chairman and Vice-Chairman recently attended a Delivery Board meeting.

e) Any other Planning Matters: Details of the MDDC Parish Council Planning Training on 07/04/22 will be circulated.

52/04/22. Connecting the Culm. (i) There is a series of Connecting the Culm project ‘River Community Café’ events over the next few months, the first event will take place in Kentisbeare. The events are an opportunity for people to share local knowledge and to learn more about developing local flood resilience projects, including how nature-based solutions can help adapt to climate change. (ii) Communication received from The Culm Catchment Officer for the Connecting the Culm project (run by the Blackdown Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty) - the project has been successful in securing funding from the Devon wide Managing Big Problems in Small Places project (part of the national Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme), with the focus on six target areas in the Culm Catchment with the aim of building community resilience to flooding. Kentisbeare Parish is one of six within the River Culm catchment that has been selected for the five year project. The Catchment Officer will attend a Parish Council meeting to give details and to gather local information on flooding and potential flood resilience opportunities within the Parish.

53/04/22. Reports.

a) Access - P3 Footpaths and Parish Paths: The P3 survey, expenditure & bid forms have been submitted.

There is storm damage following the bad weather earlier in the year. Details of the Annual Clifford Pike Walk will be discussed at a future meeting; it is expected that the walk will take place one evening and it will be the start of a series of evening summer walks.

b) The Clerk: None.

c) Any other reports: None.

54/04/22. Highways. A large pothole on the A373 has been fixed. Following concerns raised by a parishioner, the Chairman will speak with a developer regarding some parking issues in the village.

55/04/22. Kentisbeare Play Area: Enquiries will be made with reference to cleaning the play equipment. Arrangements will be made for the monkey bars to be painted and for the goal post to be removed and replaced shortly. The Clerk will report on the tender process in respect of the cycle track at a future meeting.

56/04/22. Finance.

a) The bank balance was noted as at 31/03/22. Direct Debits taken were noted as: ICO 11/03 £35, Nest £68.09 04/03, EDF 10/03- £7, Utility Warehouse 31/03 - £41.05. Credits received in respect of advertising on the Parish website £1035, £10 allotment 30/03. It was reported that £1.02 has been received in 2021/22 in respect of interest in the reserve account.

b) Payments were approved totalling £1255.73.

-Chq 1933 SMA Services Ltd. Payroll provider.

-Chq 1934 Clerk – salary and expenses. *See declarations.*

-Chq 1935 Website and Newsletter administration.

-Chq 1936 Kentisbeare Village Hall. Room hire.

-Chq 1937 N Allan. Expenses ref tree planting on NACO Tree planting day. *See declarations.*

-Chq 1938 HMRC. Quarterly PAYE/NI.

c) Audit 2021/22.

(i) Notification & dates and arrangements for the external audit have been received. The internal audit will take place shortly.

(ii) The unaudited accounts for 2021/22 were approved - Income and Expenditure for the year. The bank reconciliation was given as at 31/03/22.

d) Any other financial matters: The invoice for membership to the Devon Association of Local Councils was noted as £221.55.

57/04/22. The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.

a) Report following NACO (National Association of Civic Officers) Tree Planting Day – 11/03/22: Two Bramley apple trees mark the Jubilee, one in St. Mary’s Churchyard in Kentisbeare and one in All Saints Churchyard, Blackborough.

b) Funding for a memento for the children in the Parish – it was agreed to fund 200 caps for children in the Parish under the age of 18. The Clerk will liaise with the Jubilee committee.

c) Any other Matters. None.

58/04/22. Correspondence & Consultations. None

59/04/22. Kentisbeare Handyperson Position: A job specification was agreed. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Clerk reported on a meeting with the applicant and a rate was agreed. There are some further details that are required before works can start.

60/04/22. Items for information, future agenda items, and dates of future meetings. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on 10/05/22 and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will follow immediately thereafter.